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Honorable Thomas Burack Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Chairman, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee 29 Hazen Drive P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Chairman Burack,

As the Selectmen of the Town of Newington, we are writing in support of the transfer of ownership of Newington Energy's 525 Mw generating station in our town from Consolidated Edison to the North American Energy Alliance.

This plant which is one of the newest and cleanest electric generating stations in the Northeast, has been operated since its initiation earlier this decade under a contract agreement with a unit of General Electric. It is our understanding that if the change of ownership is approved the contract with General Electric will remain in place, assuring our town of the continued safe, clean operation of the facility. While the facility is highly efficient, and therefore does not provide significant employment in Newington, it is an important component to our tax base, and its continued strong performance under new ownership will assure our community's long term financial stability. We have also been pleased with our relationship with the plant's managers; have been in contact with representatives of the NAEA and look forward to their continued participation in the life of our community.

We appreciate your consideration, and if you have any questions about our support of this transfer, please be assured we will respond promptly.

Sincerely,

Cosmas Iocovozzi, Chairman